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UTINE—On July 31, 1921, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Fr.
Utine, a daughter.

DEATHS.

BLAIR—On July 31, 1921, at Han-
kow, T. L. Blair, of the Canton
and Hankow Railway.WHARTE—On August 1, 1921, at
Shanghai, William Peter Milner
Wharte, Chinese Customs Ser-
vice, aged 49 years.

The China Mail.

—LITERATURE, FOREIGN SERVICE.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1921.

ADVERSARIA.

Last week I closed a
NATIVE AN VOLUNTARY REVERIE
AWKWARD. about booze with a
fanciful footnote ask-
ing that cases of wine sent me should
be plainly addressed so that the edi-
torial staff could not hog them. The
bit about the editorial staff wasn't
fanciful. They are quite capable
of hogging anything. No. The idea
in my mind was that it was exquisitely
fanciful to suggest such gifts, in a
place where you can sweat your
sweat out to please a public that never
takes the trouble to say "thank you."
where fault finders are many and
praise givers are few. I don't want
to be imposed on. I am sure she is as
beautiful as she is kind and intelligent.
If ever I do go out to dinner again, it
will be to her house first—if I can
find it.

to me. For hang it all, within a very
few hours after publication of my
adversaria, I had a case of wine,
and the following letter:

Peak, 3rd Aug.

Dear Mr. Adversaria,

As from one of your great admirers,
will you kindly accept a mixed case
of Graves, Sauternes, and Chablis,
which I send you in appreciation.
I am so glad you have given
up imbibing beer—it sounds so vulgar
—but extremely sorry you have
ceased dining with your admirers.
Should you change your mind, re-
member always that I shall be pleased
to entertain you.

Yours sincerely,

No fear! I'm not giving you loads
the name and address, lest you be
tempted to pass yourselves off on the
lady as Adversaria. For we have
never met, except spiritually. She
does not know more of me than my
big, brave, beautiful soul, as revealed
in these 'ere writings. I don't want
her imposed on. I am sure she is as
beautiful as she is kind and intelligent.
If ever I do go out to dinner again, it
will be to her house first—if I can
find it.

But now I have
A CONFESSION. a little confession to
make. I hope it
will not cause hurt to the feel-
ings of the generous donor of this
wine. When I opened the case, and
saw that the wine was Californian,
I felt that I ought not to drink it
myself. I make an exception for
certain youth Australian wines, but
apart from them, I drink only French
or German or Italian or Greek. So
I reduced the case and sent it to a
missionary hospital for the use of
the patients. I had quite a nice
letter of thanks from the Mother
Superior, which I will pass on to the
real donor as soon as I find out her
address. Doubtless from modesty, she
has given me a fictitious one.

"Who has crushed the soul
who? of beauty? Science!
Who has broken the wings
of imagination? Science! Who
has strangled the breath of reverence?
Who has made man feel himself to be
a mere chessman crawling over a
scene of meaningless corruption?
Science! This miserable modern
world—this world of ugliness, de-
formity, and selfish struggle." You
will observe (if the printer does not
omit the quotation marks) that that
is a quotation. I am particularly
fanciful to have no misunderstanding
about that. The words are not mine.
The sentiments are not mine. Then
whose are they? Who has so crush-
ed the flower of simple common sense?
Beggie! Who has broken the re-
cord in a passage of quintessential
boob? Harold Beggie! Who has
strangled the simple obvious truth?
Harold Beggie! Who has exhibited
the intelligence of a chessman wrig-
gling in a mouldy Siltan? Beggie!
This muddled, muddy-minded,
modern Beggie—this chump who,
perhaps unable to find a market for
his literary wares amongst sensible
sinners, has thought of tickling the
arrested mentalities of the Non-
conformist Conscience for a living.
The quotation is given as from a re-
cent book of his.

HONGKONG—DAY AND NIGHT.

AN IMPROMPTU SKETCH.

Sunshine gleaming on the sea
And mountains standing by
Where the great ships ride
In the harbour tide
And the sailors' pride
That the Huns defied
Flaunts its hues to the sky.
Red white and blue above
Red white and blue below
"White horses" race
On the sea's blue face
All about the place
Where the sunset's grace
Provides a red, red glow.
So Hongkong watches the sea
From its terraced Peak upreared
Till comes the night
And the lamps alight
Make a wondrous sight
All astral bright
As Bethlehem's sky appeared.

In Mesopotamia we have
OR, THE POOR —we taxpayers who
HORSES. paid for 'em the
fancy prices usually

paid by buyers for the Army—47,000
horses. Mr. Churchill proposes to
destroy, kill, slay, 30,000 of them,
because they are "eating their heads
off" on imported fodder. "There is
is," it appears, "very little grass in
Mesopotamia." Well, why are we
wasting so much money on a country
that cannot even grow grass?
Winston says it would cost £50 a piece
to ship the horses—cheaper to kill
them. A Captain Gardner has
written offering to transport them
to England, France, Belgium, or
Holland for half that, and to feed,
water, and house them properly at
that. He would probably even then
make a profit. But little mistakes
like that are nothing to our Winnie.
As a picture, how do you like the
prospect of our military heroes in
Mesopotamia butchering thirty thousand
horses all at once, to save their
feed?

Cost us, by the way,
MESOPOT. over fifty millions sterling
a year for a while, and
now costing 38 millions, after violent
economies (like that of killing 30,000
horses to save their chow.) Winston
now has a scheme to make Feisal
chief, and let the Arabs police the
country, with the assistance of only
ten million or so a year from us.
We have already chucked over 160
millions into the Mesopotamian mud.

Art longus. Art may be long,
ART. but not nearly so long as the
talk about it. I myself
have written books and books about
it, and never yet hit on the one short
sentence that tells it all, in the epitome
that is art. I had given much thought
to it, too, close and concentrated
thinking. One of my best guesses
—was that the origin of all art is bor-
dedom, the human need for pasture
in the literal sense of the word.
Well, this week I came across a re-
ference to a lecture given by John
Drifwater, on "Poetry and Life,"
which gave a phrase that was a flash.
"The paramount purpose of the
artist was to understand his own
experience." How comprehensively
and finally true that is, one realizes
on reflection. The public value art
in so far as it throws light on their
experiences. There are, Mr. Drifwater
said, two great types of mankind
—those who desire to dominate (Will
to Power) and those who desire to
understand (Will to know) and the
latter have the stronger mentality.
Naturally.

The real aim of
THE REAL AIM. every honest poli-
tician (if such exist)
is good government of the people for
the benefit of the people. "It doesn't
matter much how such a govern-
ment came into being, if it only did."
What they call democratic
principles are, really, principles of
good government, and the end is
the only principle that demands
working. [Red government itself

promotes democracy by making
Demos restless and discontented.
Any good government, however
"wrongfully" it got into power,
would get away with it, and be un-
molested, because no one fights for
the means to an end enjoyed. If
God sent six hundred angels to sit
as members of parliament, and we
recognized them as such, we would
none of us want the vote, for there
would be nothing left to vote for. If
the Hongkong Government carries
on its present (new) lines, of working
for the good of the greatest number,
we will cease demanding Constitu-
tional Reform. So long as we have
the present bad Imperial Government,
Labour will agitate. When Labour
gets power, should it, as Mr.
Churchill anticipates, give us bad gov-
ernment, we will agitate again.

Some of our Gov-
ernment depart-
ments have motor
cars, as is quite
right and proper. Some have not,
but will probably get them later.

Some of these cars are used for
private joy riding, while servants in
other departments have to get about
as best they can. Now is the time
for the Government to look ahead
a little, and instead of providing cars
for other departments, provide a
number of cars for the public services.
Let it run its own garage on business
lines, with a manager who would
take the various requisitions from the
different departments as a private
garage manager now takes orders
from customers, and organize and
regulate the running of the service
cars. In that way departments
would be helped that get no help
now, cars allocated to special depart-
ments would not be idle or misused, and the
Government, while getting better
service, would spend less money.
It could be a cadet's job, and he could
be dignified, if necessary, as the
D.S.C.D., the Director of the Service
Cars Department. I do not know
how many service cars we have pro-
vided, so far, but I can see that we
must be called on for more, and by
this centralizing scheme we can
minimize the outlay and get the
maximum of service.

Long ago I bought a
set of little volumes
giving images of all
nations. The idea was good, but
the execution unsatisfactory. The
best Japanese images were omitted.
Adages are always the wit and wisdom
of the peasant, and they can tell
the philosopher a great deal. I came
across a Russian one recently, which
moved me. It said, "every time
the sheep bleats it loses a mouthful."
On that it would be easy to preach
a sermon, a sermon on life and living
it. But there is far too much bleating
as it is. Let us grab another mouth-
ful of life, and if we must be sheep,
be sheep as little sheepishly as
possible.

I give 'em about three
THREE YEARS more. Then,
FROM NOW, having persistently
asked for it, they'll get it.
Our road hogs. The alarming mor-
tality due to automobile "accidents"
has led to a general demand in America
that speed maniacs shall be jailed
rather than fined. Hongkong, if
things go on as they threaten to do,
must eventually follow suit.

It is "by request"
APOLOGUES that I handle the
IN ADVANCE. subject of Mui Tsai,
of which you must
all be weary by this time. My own
interest in it is purely academic; I
recognize no responsibility in the
matter, since it is a purely Chinese
Custom, and my own officials have
not thrust it upon them. I can see
the objections to it, easily enough.
I can also see its advantages. I
couldn't become an ardent partisan,
for or against, even if I wanted to. I
certainly couldn't argue as many of
the partisans have been doing; be-
cause I happen to be more or less
honest, and lack the power to shut
my eyes to things that tell against
my case when I have one. This, I
am quite well-aware, is an imputa-
tion of intellectual dishonesty else-
where. I do not withdraw it. I
put the word "stet" to the imputa-
tion. The humbug of some of them
has been too glaring to be politely
mentioned.

If you have read
FIRST AS TO YOUR ECONOMISTS,
ZOOLOGICAL. Ricardo, Malthus,
Montesquieu, or
some nine or ten others, you must
know that economics are a material
factor in all such controversies. Cir-
cumstances do alter cases. Popula-
tion usually increases at a greater
rate than the production of their
subsistence. Automatically, with
scarcity, the increase lessens. There
is a sort of oscillation in the process.
Almost a rhythm. Malthus in his
famous essay was not the first to
remark it, but he made it very clear.
The production of female children
in China is excessive. The Chinese
have evolved better ways of re-
straining this than the Mui Tsai
system. The Mui Tsai system has
undoubtedly been a great success,
and it is quite clear to me that it
is projected because of the expense,
although," he added, "some of

about fifteen thousand Mui Tsai in
Hongkong. If it were seriously
proposed to take them away from their
present homes, and to provide an
asylum for them, in which they would
be clothed, fed, and educated, the
number would increase enormously
as soon as the news spread in the
neighbouring Chinese provinces.
Economic laws compel their parents
to get rid of them somehow. Not
being entirely devoid of proper
parental feelings, as we profess them,
the Chinese parents generally prefer
a good opening to a bad one. They
would regard such an asylum as a
good one, and thrust a million girls
at us. The main thing to remember,
in studying this problem, is that
poor Chinese are producing so many
girls a year that they must somehow
dispose of them. Their male children
are assets; their female children are
liabilities.

All the argument as
AS TO LAWS. to whether the
Chinese Republic did
or did not pass laws forbidding the
Mui Tsai custom is idle. Law (as
we have seen clearly in the case of
international law) is only real and
actual, something more than, hot
air and a name, when it has force
behind it. In China, edicts may
have posed as laws, to be heard and
"tremblingly obeyed," but the real
law, the valid and effective law, has
always been custom. The Mui Tsai
system of establishing unwanted
daughters is a custom. Hongkong
laws can abolish it in words, and
change its names and phraseology,
but not the thing itself, unless the
people themselves find and substitute
some other custom. Such substituted
custom, unless directed on humani-
tarian lines, (and it would be dictated
first of all by convenience, as all
customs are) might easily be a worse
one than the present system. For
the sake of the children themselves,
we must face that.

Can you stop
NO people having
INTELLIGENCE. "bi!" asked some-
one at the meeting.
That wasn't needed
to remind us that the Chinese have
as yet not tackled the economic
problem on the lines of prevention
being better than cure. They know
nothing of intelligent limitation of
families, such as the thrifty French
people discovered, and later the
English. J. O. P. Bland has told
them in plain English that it is their
only course—and been duly thanked
for it. So we may take it that for
a long while yet the annual crop
of babies will be forthcoming, and that
the superfluous girls must continue
to be disposed of somehow. Those
who object to the Mui Tsai method
of placing them would not approve
of infanticide, which, as we know,
is one known Chinese remedy. There
is an eternally open market for females
which they cannot approve either.
It is my greatest surprise that some
of these partisans should harp on the
"moral" risks run by mui tsai
(as seduction by master or sons)
when it is a fact well known to all
who know the Chinese and the facts
that the mui tsai outlet saves thou-
sands of girls every year from the
ugly alternative, a life of prostitution.

If there are Chinese who
SLAVERY. regard their mui tsai as
their slaves—though
"Little Sister" is an odd name to
call a slave—they must be disabused
of that error, and can be. The
Society now being formed by the
Chinese themselves can do it, with
the help of the Press.

By the way, it was a stupid over-
sight to speak of it as a Society for
the Prevention of Cruelty to Mui
Tsai. They must call it a Society
for the Prevention of Cruelty to
Children, such as we Europeans find
necessary at home. Other children
besides Mui Tsai are cruelly treated,
wherever cruel people are.

But for the most part they do not
think of them as slaves. It is well
understood that it is a service con-
tract until marriage; and that mar-
riage ends it. This was never the
case with real slavery. Take the
case of a young man who comes out
here on a contract for a long term of
years, which contract bars him from
working for any other similar firm
for ten years afterwards, and forbids
him to marry without the consent
of the firm. Is he a slave? These
extraordinary surrenders of individual
liberty are demanded merely because
his employers have paid his fare,
but they do not reckon him a slave.

When I was going
A FUNNY about acquiring in-
FORMATION. formation on this
subject, I met one
Chinese gentleman who told me he
was opposed to the Mui Tsai system.
Naturally, I asked him to give me
his reasons, and asked him questions
as to how the system works. I as-
certained that he wife had a regular
procurement of these girls passing
through his home. "I bring," he
said, "one every time she married one of
them. That wife and each girl
that came out here is a son of money."
He made it quite clear to me that he
projected because of the expense,
although," he added, "some of

them are my poor relations, and I
should have to pay anyway." I got
a very clear impression that his wife
was a philanthropic woman doing
great and good work, and that he
was less generous than she! I saw
that every mui tsai who went to that
house at least was better off in every
way than if she had not gone. This
must be true of many Chinese homes.
There is an impression abroad that
all Chinese are naturally more cruel
than we Europeans are. That is
wrong, and quite unfounded. There
is an average, as with every race.
Chinese philanthropy is just as much
in evidence, if you look for it, as
Chinese cruelty. European cruelty
is as evident, if you look for it, as
European humanitarianism. A
police officer of long experience here,
who is debarred by the rules of the
service from telling the public the
things he has learned, told me that
the system as he had watched it
working in Hongkong was "fifty-
fifty"—there was as much to be
said, in its favour as against it. I
told him I had heard that we had
16,000 mui tsai here, and he said he
did not doubt it, and he shuddered
at the prospect of what must happen
to the annual recruits, supposing the
Mui Tsai system abolished.

It is possible for
NOT THE KING'S a decent King to
be made un-
POPULAR. popular, by no fault
of his own. Some idiot of a bur-
esocrat may start it. For instance,
any king who pretends that he has a
right to take my property, without
paying for it, or compensating me,
is no king of mine. I repudiate him,
and if I can persuade enough of my
peers to join me in the enterprise,
I give him the sack. If I have the
nerve of Cromwell, I shorten him
by a head. It is pleasant to see that
the impudent claim made in the
Straits Settlements, by officials whom
I hope to see dismissed, that "the
Crown" could take as a right the
property of any subject, has been
denounced by a competent judge.
The Colonial Secretary at Singapore,
it was said, did not show wisdom or
toleration, and "his views anent
the rights of the Crown were quite
unfounded." His "language and
conduct" were such as to "outrage
the feelings of the plaintiffs." Precisely,
and the feelings of all who put
any value on the monarchy, and the
feelings of all fair-minded men.
I hope the Judge's comments reach
the proper quarters at Home, "for
necessary action, please." We must
squash this bureaucracy before it
squashes us. The idea of the Crown
(or the State) owning everything is
pure Bolshevism, against which my
ancestors successfully protested at
Runnymede.

One of the things
SANCTITY that soon impresses
OF a foreign resident
MAIL MATTER. in America is the
sanctity of mail
matter there. The Post Office people
take endless trouble to see that the
right people get the right letters, and
will re-address them for you, on
request, all over the States. People
in inconvenient locations set up little
boxes, marked "U.S. Mail," unlocked
and unprotected, but everybody
there, postmen included, are taught
and brought up to respect the mail.
They think of liberties taken with it
as we used to do of "sacrilege."
The Hongkong postman is different.
He stands at the foot of the stairs
in a three story house, informs the
world generally that he has a letter
for the top floor people, and if they
like to come down for it they may
have it. Perhaps some neighbour
will run up and tell them: if
nothing happens, he marks the letter
"addressee unknown," and returns
it to the P. O., who send it back to
America, where careful postal officials
at Washington endorse it, and find
out the original sender, and send
it thousands of miles, by train, and
steamer, to him. What would it cost
to slay a Hongkong postman? I
have a personal reason for desiring
to know. I want to know whether
I can afford it. To have myself
described as "unknown" by a lazy,
ignorant Chinese, too tired to do the
work he is paid for, and putting other
people to unnecessary trouble and
expense, is exasperating. I am
hoping to hear from the Postmaster
that this one has been really taught
a lesson.

Some of the neigh-
BOUNCE. bours were giv-
ing, but not I.
The child was still
sick, and the cantankerous old man
in the yard below decided that the
time had come for desperate remedies.
He took a little frock belonging to the
sick child, and a rod of bamboo, and
a piece of chalk, and some joss paper,
and matches, and cleared a space on
the concrete floor of the yard below
my verandah. Here, she drew a
figure (very like those all children
draw) of the child, a full moon face,
curved stalks for the arms, with
five short digits at the ends, and
cucumber legs. Over this, she ad-
justed the frock, so that the head and

limbs projected at the right
places. Then with the fascicle of
bamboo sticks she beat the frock,
loudly commanding the devil of sick-
ness to leave the child. The ceremony
lasted a full half hour. The ex-
hortation of the devil was impassioned,
the beating rhythmic and rapid.
A pathetic incident, dated Aug. 5,
1921.

The paragraph splendid,
A DAY with the new and beautiful
DREAM. idea in it, and the words
proceeding like the sounds
of sweet songs, how oft have I sighed
for it, tried for it! Mellifluous and
rhythmic, its language, inspiring
and heartening its thought. It has
its being somewhere, and must one
day come to life. A paragraph that
mothers will read with brightening
eyes, and call excitedly to Father,
crying "Listen to this! Isn't it
splendid!" One that young lovers
will clip and tuck into each other's
pieces that thoughtful men will hand
their brows over, and read, again,
and reading, slowly smile, and with
that smile approve. One that very
aged men, waiting patiently for the
summons they expect, will chuckle
over. A collocation of words so
beguiling, of human interest so acute,
so rich in style and colour, so perfect
in form, that poets will despise poems
because of it, and essayists tear their
manuscripts, and leader-writers hang
themselves. I shall achieve this
dream of mine someday, and my heart
will swell with the pride of artistry as
I pen the last cadence of it, and my
soul be big with love and philanthropy.
Then I will send it down to those
damned printers, who will make a
unhappy hash of it, and I will crash
back to earth, a common, tired,
profligate, disillusioned, journalistic
drudge.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A large quantity of house fur-
niture will be put up for auction at
No. 8, A. Block, Kowloon Dock, by
Messrs. Lamont Bros., on Monday
afternoon.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough
advertise that a large quantity of
household furniture will be put up
for public auction at No. 10, Middle
Road, Kowloon, on Monday after-
noon.

One lot of Crown land at Fo
Pang in Kowloon and another on
the new road from Bowes Road to
Wanchai Gap will be sold by public
auction sale at the P. W. D. Offices
on Monday afternoon.

The Foreign Consular Corps in
Hankow is preparing a demand on the
Government for the internationalisation
of Hankow to afford better pro-
tection to foreign residents. The
Chinese are vigorously opposed to this.

Among the passengers who
sailed by the China Mail as "Nile"
yesterday, were Mr. E. F. MacKay,
manager of the Shanghai office of
Butterfield and Swire, and Mr. Walter
U. Lum, assistant general manager
of the China Mail Co.

The Government estimates that
the recent fighting in Kwangsi re-
sulted in 11,000 casualties among
Kwangsi troops, 4,000 among the
Cantonese, 8,000 among the innocent
non-participants and in property
damage to the extent of \$35,000,000.

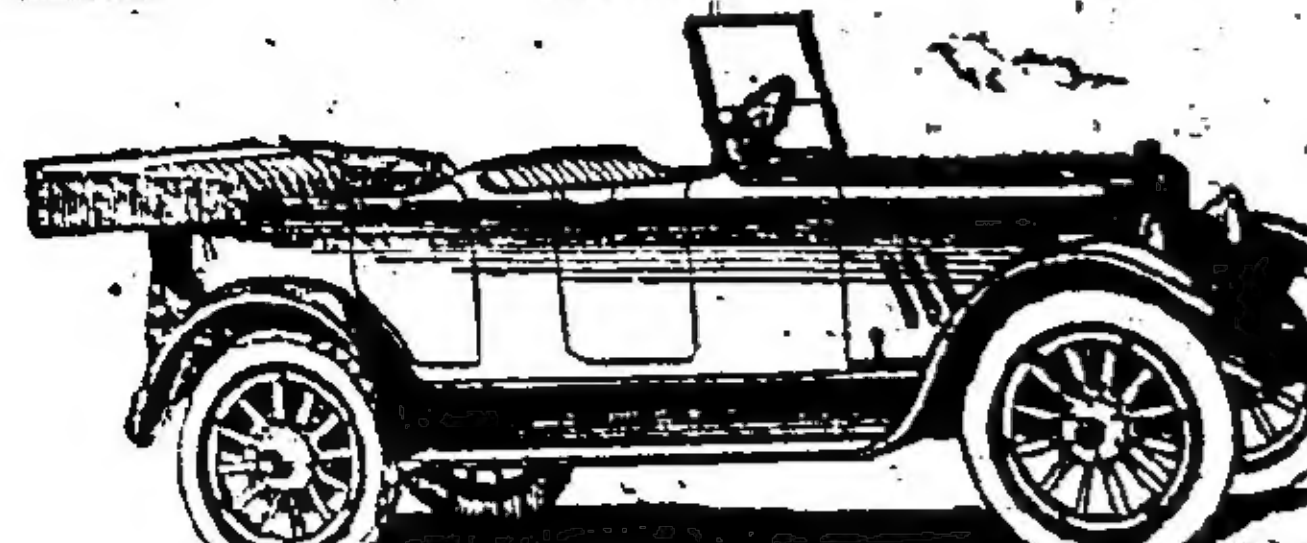
According to the Central China
Press, more than three-fourths of
Banque Industrielle de Chine notes
in circulation from the Hankow
branch have been cashed by the
Hankow Chinese Bankers' Association
and that after August 11, the
Association will cash no more.

A Northern paper states that re-
garding the mysterious disappearance
of the Consular Student and
Acting Attaché Mr. Chen Chunglien,
of the Chinese Legation in Havana,
the father, elder brother and wife of
the deceased diplomatic official have
brought criminal suits against the
Charge d'Affaires, Wu Ke-to and
his Secretary, Mr. Huang, and the
case is under the investigation of
the Procuratorate of Peking.

The usual fortnightly whist drive
was held in the Catholic Men's Club
on Thursday evening. The following
were the prize-winners:—Ladies:—
1. Mrs. May (178); 2. Mrs. Bickford
(172); 3. Mrs. Moody (168); 4. Mrs.
Price; 5. Mrs. Wood (160); Men: 1.
Mr. Hayton (182); 2. Mr. Ogden
(172); 3. Mr. Burling (172); 4. Mr.
Carrington (171); 5. Mr. Brown per-
formed the duties of M.C.

The funeral was held on August
1 of the late Mr. John Wharton
Fenton, who died after a long illness,
at the age of 82 years. The deceased
came to the Far East in 1885 and
entered the Customs. During the
Boxer rising he acted as a Red Cross
correspondent and was present at the
sacking of the Taku and Tientsin forts.
Subsequently he became manager of
the Tientsin Press and later a member
of the firm of J. J. P. and Fenton,
Agents of the China Mutual Life In-
surance Company. For many years
he was a prominent rider in Tientsin
and owned many celebrated ponies.

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MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Seven Thousand Candidates.

No fewer than seven thousand candidates have been sitting for the London matriculation examination. It has been a strangely varied gathering of all classes, ages, and nationalities, struggling with the problems set with ingenuity by the examiners. In the great halls at the former Imperial Institute, and at the Royal Horticultural Hall, where Londoners have sat, you saw elderly men, eager girls, placid nuns, coloured natives of Africa, mingling with public school boys, some of the last-named being "knuts."

Talking Cinema Arrives.

A talking cinema is the very latest Parisian wonder. One afternoon recently the Chamber of Deputies seemed to have transferred its session to the Salle Marivaux, where they witnessed a demonstration. What attracted most attention was a scene representing a number of French Deputies. These notabilities are heard talking. Some talk louder than others, some shrug their shoulders and whisper. The talkers are heard plainly, and the gestures of the non-talkers are seen on the screen. So realistic was the turn that the audience was fascinated. The talking cinema goes to London shortly.

Supernatural Luck.

Almost supernatural luck has attended Mr. Joseph Watson's excursion into racing. He made a dramatic start in September 1919 on retiring from the soap business by expending £30,000 on young bloodstock and buying up the famous Manton establishment, lock, stock, and barrel. Mr. Taylor chose the yearlings, and Lemonora was one of his earliest purchases, the price being 3,200 guineas. Love in Idleness, the Oaks winner, who, by the way, defeated the King's colt, Perfect Knight, at Sandown recently, was the cheapest of all his lots. She cost 1,550 guineas—a mere bagatelle as values then ruled. These two animals have already picked up over £20,000 in stakes.

All-Rubber Shoes.

An all-rubber shoe that so closely resembles the ordinary leather article in appearance that even the inventor cannot tell the difference is being put on the British market by a Dutch firm. When the soles get worn out you take the shoes not to a boot repairer, but to the vulcaniser at the motor garage. It is cheaper than the leather shoe, is water-proof, does not crack in the rubber coppers, and retains its shape. It is not a freak shoe and can be worn on ceremonial occasions. A Daily News reporter found a Dutchman wearing a pair of these shoes at the Rubber and Tropical Products Exhibition at the Agricultural Hall, London. He was an exhibitor and had a stall full of them.

What is the best "quencher" for hot weather, asks the *Morning Post*. George Stevens writing of his experiences of travel on the road to Khar-toum, says "red unwhitened," "Abu Hammed"—a connection of gin, vermouth, angostura, lime juice, and soda—especially soda. On its effects he is glib: "It spreads through body and spirit—no swelling through like the Atbara, but irrigating like the Nile. It is the soil in the sand, the substance in the wind, life in death. Your sap runs again, your bilious muscles take on elasticity, your mummy bones toughen. Your self has sprung up alive, and you know how it feels to rise from the dead."—It is doubtful, however, how the mixture would work in London or, we may add, in Hongkong.

Sir Rider Haggard's Ring.

Sir Rider Haggard has presented to the British Museum a massive Peruvian finger-ring, which came into his possession from an Oxford don. In describing the ring at the last meeting of the Society of Antiquaries Sir Rider said that it was commonly known as an Inca's ring. But was probably of a mummified chieftain lying on a burial mound in Peru. Seated round the chieftain were twelve men and women, who had been either killed or buried alive at his funeral in order that they might keep him company in the future state. Soon after the mound was opened the bodies crumbled to dust. Sir Rider Haggard said that the account which he had from the original owner had lingered long in his memory, and was one of the reasons for his beginning to write romances. He had introduced it into "King Solomon's Mines," and had described the decorations on the ring in another of his novels.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Two workhouse inmates, Mrs. Mary Ann Platts, 85, and Mr. J. Richardson, 81, have just had an aeroplane flight over Blackpool and greatly enjoyed their trip.

A painting which has hung on the wall of a room at King's College, Strand, W. C., for many years has been identified as one of the best examples of the work of Van Dyck.

The discovery of its value was made recently when the picture was taken down to be cleaned. It has been replaced in its original position and additional care is now bestowed on it.

Asked at Bow County Court if a Scottish claimant appeared to have his wit about him after an accident, a witness replied: "Rather, he didn't forget to pick up a shilling he had dropped."

Mr. James Guest, a Wombwell (Yorkshire) resident and member of the local miners' association, has just married for the third time, his bride being a sister of both his first and second wife.

The manuscript of Oscar Wilde's essay, "A Portrait of Mr. W. H.," which was lost in April 1895, after Wilde's arrest, has been found in the U. S. and will be issued there in book form next month.

"Can you tell me what your prospects are of getting work?" a judgment debtor was asked in Shoreditch County Court. Debtor: "Certainly. I can only do light work, and there are a million able-bodied in front of me."

The British Government are maintaining 37,500 refugees of various nationalities (principally Russians and Armenians) at a cost of £30,000 a month. Mr. Hilton Young, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, stated in Parliament.

An uproar arose in the Berlin Reichstag among the Communists, two of whom rushed at the Conservative benches with clenched fists. Herr Mittelmann and the Communist deputy Herr Remhele came to blows. Efforts to restore order proving futile the President left the chair and the sitting was adjourned.

A large cinema deal has been concluded in Paris, where Mr. Edmond C. Lynch, representing Messrs. Merrill Lynch and Co., of New York, bankers and stockbrokers, has bought the Pathe Exchange Incorporated. This is the American branch of the French film firm. Several million dollars was paid.

The Dover Patrol war memorial obelisk, which has been erected on the cliffs east of the town was unveiled by the Prince of Wales on July 27. It is 84 ft. high and 700 tons of Norwegian granite were used in its building. The corresponding obelisk, which is being erected at Cap Blanc Nez, near Calais was expected to be completed in a week.

A thrilling adventure befell a party of four which left Ghoukental, near Thun, in a balloon. Soon after leaving the ground the balloon was lost to sight. Nothing was heard of it until the following day, when the occupants arrived at Innerkirchen and told the astonished villagers that after an exciting journey among the Alps the balloon landed safely on the Sunday afternoon on the Gauli Glacier.

Flying by night as well as by day and carrying sacks of ballast representing the weight of 6 passengers, three crews of French airmen are engaged on the final stage of the race for the aerial Grand Prix in France. The course takes them from Paris to Lille and back without landing, nearly 800 miles, and thence from Paris to Bordeaux and Pau, nearly another 900 miles. The aeroplanes have engines exclusively of French construction.

The City of London's "Black Maria," now replaced by an up-to-date motor-van, was sold by auction for £10 10s. at Aldridge's, Upper St. Martin's Lane. W. C. to Edward Dawson, a keen-faced boy, of 25, who represents a firm of vandrepairs in North London. I was prepared to offer 20 guineas for the van," he said to a *Daily Mail* reporter. "Crippen travelled in it, so I think it will make a good coffee-stall, or caravan." The van had been offered to the London Museum, but the gift was rejected owing to lack of space.

SPECIAL CABLE.

SHANGHAI HEAT WAVE.

WORST FOR YEARS.

THREE FOREIGNERS SUCCUMB.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Aug. 6. Shanghai is still sweltering in a heat wave the worst for years. There have been many cases of heat prostration and several deaths. Dr. O'Hara is the latest victim. He was in hospital suffering from heart action. The heat caused his collapse.

MANY DEATHS.

The thunderstorm and cool breezes which swept across Shanghai on the evening of August 1, brought at least a temporary relief from one of the fiercest heat waves to smite Shanghai in many years, which was held responsible, either directly or indirectly, for the deaths of three foreigners and a number of fatalities among the Chinese community. The total of heat prostrations for the week or ten days was nearly two hundred.

Two foreigners died victims of the weather. They were Father Ludovic Le Corde, chaplain of St. Joseph's Convent, who was stricken suddenly about midnight, and Mr. W. P. M. White, chief Customs examiner of Hankow, who collapsed in his chair at the Savoy Hotel at noon. Mr. White was visiting Shanghai on leave. He was given immediate medical attention but died within a few minutes after the attack.

The death of Mr. Albert Charles Gayot, Chancellor of the French Consulate, who has been in St. Mary's Hospital for two weeks following the bite of a dog, is also held to be at least partly due to the heat, which greatly weakened his power of resistance.

A Shanghai head record was broken for the week ending August 1, the highest maximum average for the seven days being greater than for the hottest week in July, 1914, when for three successive days the mercury climbed to 100 degrees or over.

The average maximum figure, for last week was 93.2. For the hottest week in July, 1914 the average was 97.9. High point for any one day was 101.8. The highest figure reached during last week was 100.8, on Thursday.

It is feared by local practitioners that unless the wave breaks soon it will result in many more deaths among people now suffering from various illnesses, whose chances of recovery are considerably lessened by the continued intense heat.

TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The telegrams quoted below were received by the local American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory:

8.40 a.m. to-day.—Cyclone or typhoon near or over Balintag Channel moving W.N.W. or N.W.
9.00 a.m. to-day.—Cyclone or typhoon East of Northern Luzon, less than 300 miles distant moving W.
10.30 a.m. to-day.—Cyclone or typhoon near or over Bashi Channel moving N.W.

RED SIGNAL HOISTED.

The red typhoon signal was hoisted in Hongkong this morning.

A DERELICT JUNK.

A message forwarded by the Consul General for Saigon to the naval Commodore states that the British ship "Sisiman" has reported sighting an abandoned junk, the "Kwong Shuen," 117 tons, laden with timber, on July 29 in lat. 12.34 deg. N. long 112.52 deg. E. The derelict was drifting in the direction of Nianao.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

The B. and S. steamer "Cobangtu," bound from Swatow to Bangkok, put into Hongkong yesterday morning with a burst steamship. Repairs were effected at Quarry Bay and the vessel cleared again yesterday afternoon.

When China declared war against Germany all the German services in the Maritime Customs were discharged. Now, with friendly relations restored between China and Germany, the German members of the Customs Staff are re-employed. This request is now under discussion by the Government. However, it is learnt, any Northern contemporary, asked by a strong expedition, sent by certain Powers, the re-employment of the German Customs Staff in the Customs Service will probably not be entertained.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Wo Lok Co. Ltd. is struck off.

Ferry fares between Victoria and Hongkong have been raised from five cents to eight.

Mr. Leung Kwan has got Mr. Cheng Fok's job as Forest Officer. Mr. Cheng got the chuck.

Mr. J. H. Coolidge, marine supt. of the J. C. I. Line, has patented an improved release for life buoys.

An insane street coolie was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital from Western Street.

Found by the ship's Indian guards, 23 balls of raw opium were handed over to the police on the arrival of the s.s. "Sochow" yesterday from up river.

The body of a young Chinese woman was found floating in the harbour near the installation wharf at North Point yesterday. There were no signs of violence.

Last night thieves broke into a cubicle of a Chinese clerk living in Hollywood Road, and stole from a trunk jewellery to the value of \$251, and \$37 in money.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending July 23, 1921, amounted to 35,944 tons and the sales during the period, to 32,061 tons.

Mr. George Taylor, principal lighthouse keeper stationed at Green Island lighthouse leaves to-day for home with his wife on the P. and O. s.s. "Kalyan" for a well earned holiday.

Knocked down in Wanchai yesterday afternoon by a motor car said to belong to the Mercury Garage, a boatman has been admitted to the G.C.H. for treatment of injuries to his mouth.

Mrs. Tarroussin, a Russian lady passenger by the s.s. "Hwachi," from Java to Shanghai died suddenly a few hours before the ship reached Hongkong. A post mortem examination is being held.

Some watch!—The quarters of an Indian watchman at Prince's Building, were entered during the night while he was on duty outside the building. A sum of \$19 in money and a promissory note for \$700, were stolen from a locked box which was broken open.

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CROWN COLONIES.

PAST NEGLECT

A CHURCHILL SPEECH.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for the Colonies, presided at the annual dinner of the Corona Club, held in the Connaught Rooms. The gathering included well-known officials of the Colonial Office and of the Crown Colonies. Proposing the only toast of the evening, that of the Club, Mr. Churchill said he had been looking up some of the speeches Mr. Chamberlain was accustomed to deliver at those gatherings in the club's early days, and observed that in reading the terse, homely, searching, well-turned sentences, so practical and yet so pleasing he felt himself transported back into the atmosphere of twenty years ago. No man ever succeeded as the late Mr. Chamberlain did in inspiring the British Empire with a sense of its own greatness and its own unity, and with a sense of its great possibilities and its future. (Cheers.) Since the days of Mr. Chamberlain the great storms and tides of war had swept the greater part, and the fairer part, of the human race, and institutions and organizations the world over had been threatened, shaken, or destroyed. And yet, after it was all over, the grand structure of the British Empire would seem to be erect, unshaken, and unimpaired, preserved by the efforts in many cases of a handful of men, in the greatest shock that had ever shaken human affairs. (Cheers.) There had never been a varied charge confided to so few men as that confided to the officials of the Crown Colonies, and their work was appreciated, understood, carefully watched, and appraised in the centre of the Colonial Service in London. It would not be possible to govern the Empire from Downing-street. That was not attempted. Downing-street tried to supervise the action of the responsible Governors, who were expected, in every circumstance, in every theatre, in every condition, to act in accordance with the broad traditions which were associated with the personality of an English gentleman. (Cheers.) That was a code not to be found in any book of regulations, but it was one widely understood, and in proportion as it was understood so the government of the Crown Colonies would be a credit to our name. (Cheers.) The Germans, with their great intellectual power and wonderful organizing efficiency, were completely lacking in that peculiar sense of things "that aren't done" (laughter) so they blundered on ferociously, heroically, and another during the war, until they arrayed the whole civilized world against them and their struggling allies. The states of the British Crown, concluded Mr. Churchill, had been dreadfully neglected during the past twenty years; we had made far too little of them; and he was of the opinion that a tremendous effort should be made to secure for the Crown Colonies the credits which they required. He hoped it would be possible to make some sort of consortium, or combination, of credits between many of the great Crown Colonies, so as to secure the necessary loans on a wider basis than was possible if each presented itself on the market. (Cheers.)

GERMAN ROBIN HOOD.

BANDIT'S DRINK WITH SQUIRE HE WAS ROBBING.

Max Holt, the Communist leader whose trial for numerous acts of banditry in Saxony is continuing in Berlin is likely to live in German legend as does Robin Hood in British. "I am a robber chief, but I am also a man!" he declared to a Saxony squire who was giving evidence against him. "Were I merely a robber I should cut your throat." The pair of them sat down to a bottle of wine when the house was plundered. Another squire told the court how Holt stole five dozen of his shirts. "Correct," admitted Holt, "but show me a workman who has five dozen shirts! We took enough food from his house to feed a city. That was quite right for hungry working people wanted it." When a peasant woman related that he had stolen her ox, he retorted: "It gave me particular pleasure to provide a good meal from it for poor proletarians."

DON'T START A JOURNEY ON FRIDAY

any other day without flinching, but on Friday they stop at the first sign of a storm and do not start a journey. The London-Hawley match was dull. Both players remained at the back of the net, and the game became a test of will. The first two sets, though the Hawley side took a fairly good hand.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

EX-DUBS TO MOSCOW

LONDON, August 4th. A Copenhagen telegram states that the situation in Russia is alarmingly growing more acute daily. Throughout the deserted areas whole villages are on fire. It is estimated that already ten millions are starving and refugees are streaming into Moscow, which town is surrounded by troops with a view to preventing the entry of refugees. LONDON, August 5th. The lack of means of communication and transport in Russia prevents an accurate estimation of the present situation. Nevertheless, the pessimistic reports emerging depict the blackest state of affairs, and speak of the appalling suffering. Whole towns and villages are compelled to feed on grass, leaves and refuse. The horror is accentuated by drought in some districts and cholera. Hordes of peasants are wandering aimlessly, dying by the roadside. Poland, Lithuania and Finland are facing the possibility of a famine immigration on a wholesale scale. WASHINGTON, August 5th. Mr. Hoover announced that every dollar expended by the American committee for the relief of famine-stricken Russia in the purchase of supplies for Russia, will be spent in the United States. LONDON, August 5th. General Booth has received a message from Salvationist representatives in Moscow, stating that they are in touch with a million of starving people in Russia and imploring assistance. A Reliefers' message says that while the Soviet representatives declare that the stories of famine are exaggerated, they admit that the population in a number of districts is fleeing to other provinces in search of food. They deny that immigration has broken out in Moscow and other towns, or that a general mobilization has been ordered. In the meanwhile, sensational reports continue to be received of hordes of refugees, chiefly from the Government of Samara and Saratov. Report declares that military cordons prevent fugitives from entering the city. The Russian Legation denies that the Red Army is invading Asia Minor, or that General Brusiloff is negotiating with Turkey and other Oriental States. It declares that the Russian Government will in no way intervene in the Turkish war.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

MADRID, August 5th. A communicated states that Spanish troops have completed hostilities in Morocco, and driven off the enemy, attacking Salsalarch. The enemy suffered heavy losses. Soldiers who escaped from Zeilan report that after the defenders had surrendered their arms, in accordance with an agreement, the rebels fired on them. A correspondent at Zeilan was among those killed.

RUSSIAN TRADE AGREEMENT.

CHRISTIANIA, August 5th. The Norwegian Government has accepted all the essentials of the draft of the trade agreement prepared by the Russian and Norwegian delegations at Stockholm.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

By the views of the Conference seem to have been in favour of the Power standard for the Empire, the Dominions maintaining the defence of their respective territories. On the question of Imperial communications, the Conference is stated to have expressed strong views in favour of wireless communication and to have recommended some divergence of opinion. It is understood that an Australian delegate contended vigorously for stations of sufficient power to enable Australia to communicate direct with England, as against the opposing view of more stations of less power. The latter view is believed to have gained the day, it being decided that Great Britain should complete the stations in territory under her control, while so far as might be necessary Australia, South Africa and India, also, should erect the necessary stations within their borders, with New Zealand and Canada co-operating in the chain. The work of the Imperial Shipping Committee was overhauled, and the suggestion to continue the Committee under a royal charter was put forward, but was dropped in the absence of unanimity. The question of the Empire news service was discussed, and the Conference understood to have contented itself with approving the resolution of the 1920 Imperial Press Conference, at Ottawa, on the reduction of Press rates. Among the minor subjects the Conference is believed to have adopted an interesting resolution, with a view to obtaining a uniform system of granting patents, while a series of resolutions dealing with settlement within the Empire was adopted. The South African proposal, dissolving the South African proposed, in view of the limited field for white labour in South Africa, was rejected. The questions of the League of Nations, the status of Indians in the Dominions, and the assimilation of them, was debated as largely, also, the subject of confederation in New Zealand. On the last named question it is understood that Mr. Hughes submitted a proposal for acquiring certain French interests in the group, and the Conference is stated to have agreed to the enforcement of the protocol signed early in the War.

DAVIS CUP.

PITTSBURGH, August 4th. Anderson (Australia) beat Woodman (Great Britain) by 4/6, 6/5, 7/6, 8/5. Anderson's driving was a sensational feature of the game.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

THE KAISER IN EXILE.

LONDON, August 4th. In the course of a newly-published book in Berlin, entitled "Hohenzollern," Herr Haining, an official of the Prussian Finance Ministry, shows that since the time million marks to the ex-Kaiser on the security of his property in Germany. Herr Haining refers to Wilhelm's impatience at the long delays in the negotiations, and quotes a communication from the exiled monarch in August 1918, complaining that he was no longer able to trespass on Count Bentinck's hospitality and must have money to buy his own house, otherwise he would return to Germany. The threat was sufficient for money to be forthcoming immediately.

LIQUOR SMUGGLING CHARGE.

NEW YORK, August 5th. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the officers and crew of the schooner "Henry L. Marshall" (flying the British flag), which was recently seized on a charge of liquor running outside the three-mile limit.

LIQUOR SMUGGLING CHARGE.

WASHINGTON, August 5th. Officials of the Department of Justice are said to be busy over the seizure of the schooner "Henry L. Marshall," which they consider was immune. The Herald says that this department has forbidden similar seizures, and also summoned to Washington Mr. Hayward, the Federal District Attorney, who announced that similar seizures would continue.

PASSING OF CARUO.

NAPLES, August 5th. The funeral of Caruio was the most impressive seen in Naples for years. Thousands of people witnessed the procession from the Church to the burial place. The coffin was composed of a crystal casket encased in wood, and the hearse was drawn by six horses and was covered with wreaths, including one from Queen Mary of England and another from the City of New York. All the shops were closed. An aeroplane flew over the procession.

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Gabriel Poulain's success in leaving the ground for a distance of ten yards in an "aviette," or motorless flying machine appears to have been largely due to a muscular effort of which few would be capable. He is a racing cyclist who has for a long time been engaged on attempts to win the £400 prize offered by the

win the £400 prize offered by the French Aero Club for "aviettes." In Germany the Rhin prize is still to be won for soaring flight, upon which many experimenters are engaged. This, however, is on somewhat different lines from Poulain's work, since it seeks to bring out what can be done by taking advantage of wind. Mr. Orville-Wright on one occasion kept up for over fifteen

The slow progress of motorless flight has been due to the fact that with the best wing form until lately known it would have been necessary to propel an aeroplane of about 200 square feet wing-area at a speed of about twenty miles per hour. Actually this is what Poincaré appears to have done, but, of course, in so small a

way as to afford little encouragement to the ordinary man. To attain anything like true flight with such a contrivance it would be necessary for the driver to exert something like two or three horse-power.

forms, anoroung much greater lift, size for size, has improved the prospects of attaining flight by manpower, but not taking off from level ground without the aid of a strong head wind. The best conditions would be a down slope facing the wind. The Lilienthals, last century,

for their experiments used a rounded hill with slopes in all directions. Since that time, however, in addition to the discovery of improved wing forms, we have greatly extended our knowledge of aircraft construction and mechanics, and also of the ways of the wind and how advantage can be taken of them.

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to be an insoluble problem. The total weight of the "aviette" being small, and the required speed being low, a very light structure would suffice. The total weight would probably not exceed 300lb, including the pilot, and the wing-area 140 or 150 square feet. -And if the slotted wing were employed it would probably not be necessary to have any means

If and when progress begins to be made in this direction—and the work would be of extraordinary interest—the pilots would have to exercise great care. Pilcher and Lilienthal

were killed by the collapse of their machines. It would be necessary to make a repetition of those disasters impossible. But, in addition, the much more extended flying in view would demand careful piloting and such perfect balance control—only to be secured in the case of such low-speed machines after research and

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CHINA COAST, ETC.

Aug. 7.-O.S.K.	Kaijo Maru.
8.-I.C.S.N.	Waihsing.
9.-D.L.	Changchow.
10.-I.C.S.N.	Li-chang.
11.-I.C.S.N.	Chusan.
12.-I.C.S.N.	Tungshing.
13.-I.C.S.N.	Kwongkong.
14.-O.S.K.	Sochi Maru.
15.-D.L.	Hailong.
16.-D.L.	Hailong.

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8.-I.C.S.N.	Waihsing.
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15.-D.L.	Hailong.
16.-D.L.	Hailong.

FOOCHOW.

Aug. 7.-D.L.	Hailong.
8.-D.L.	Hailong.
9.-D.L.	Hailong.

SHANGHAI.

Aug. 7.-D.L.	Hailong.
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TIENTSIN.

Aug. 12.-I.C.S.N.	Chongching.
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HANKOW.

Sept. 21.-B.F.	Demodocus.
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TSINGTAO.

Aug. 7.-O.S.K.	Suiyang.
8.-I.C.S.N.	Tungshing.
9.-D.L.	Chenao.

TAKAO.

Aug. 11.-O.S.K.	Sochi Maru.
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KEELUNG.

Aug. 7.-O.S.K.	Kaijo Maru.
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HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Aug. 9.-I.C.S.N.	Lochang.
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SAIGON.

Aug. 16.-M.M.	Portho.
17.-A.L.	Lake Farrar.
18.-O.S.K.	Buho Maru.

SINGAPORE.

Aug. 7.-O.S.K.	Changchow.
8.-I.C.S.N.	Lake Farrar.
9.-D.L.	Van Cloon.
10.-I.C.S.N.	Nanking.
11.-O.S.K.	Buho Maru.
12.-I.C.S.N.	Glymont.
13.-D.L.	Chenao.
14.-O.S.K.	China.

BANGKOK.

Aug. 9.-I.C.S.N.	Lochang.
10.-O.S.K.	Buho Maru.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

MANILA.

Aug. 12.-I.C.S.N.	Yansung.
13.-B.F.	Tenon.
14.-D.L.	Taiyinhua.
15.-B.F.	Nanking.
16.-D.L.	Tyndaer.
17.-B.F.	Protestant.
18.-B.F.	Li-chang.
19.-B.F.	Taiyinhua.
20.-B.F.	Tyndaer.

SANDAKAN.

Aug. 10.-I.C.S.N.	Hinang.
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JAYA PORTS, ETC.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

CALCUTTA.

Aug. 9.-N.Y.K.	Hakodate Maru.
10.-I.C.S.N.	Changchow.
11.-D.L.	Japan.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

Aug. 9.-N.Y.K.	Hakodate Maru.
10.-O.S.K.	Algon Maru.
11.-N.Y.K.	Morioka Maru.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Aug. 16.-N.Y.K.	Hi Maru.
17.-C.A.	Victoria.
18.-C.A.	St. Albans.
19.-N.Y.K.	Tanjo Maru.
20.-C.A.	Kestern.

JAPAN PORTS.

Aug. 8.-B.F.	Ninchow.
9.-N.Y.K.	Borneo Maru.
10.-B.F.	Arratoon Apar.
11.-J.C.I.L.	Typhoon.
12.-B.F.	Glenora.
13.-B.F.	Glenora.
14.-B.F.	Glenora.
15.-B.F.	Glenora.
16.-B.F.	Glenora.
17.-B.F.	Glenora.
18.-B.F.	Glenora.
19.-B.F.	Glenora.
20.-B.F.	Glenora.

LIVERPOOL.

Aug. 8.-B.F.	Karypina.
9.-B.F.	Cypripis.
10.-B.F.	Kliva.
11.-B.F.	Antioch.
12.-B.F.	Sardinia.
13.-B.F.	Hyon.
14.-B.F.	Karypina.
15.-B.F.	Sardinia.
16.-B.F.	Sardinia.
17.-B.F.	Sardinia.
18.-B.F.	Sardinia.
19.-B.F.	Sardinia.
20.-B.F.	Sardinia.

HAMBURG.

Aug. 15.-H.E.A.L.	Radja.
16.-H.E.A.L.	Radja.
17.-H.E.A.L.	Radja.
18.-H.E.A.L.	Radja.
19.-H.E.A.L.	Radja.
20.-H.E.A.L.	Radja.

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The Booth Steamship Co. reports a further decline in its profit. For 1917-18 the amount was £217,361 (less £76,857 for depreciation), for 1918-19 £224,313 (less £80,014 for depreciation), and for 1919-20 £134,443, after providing for unspecified amount for depreciation. For the year ended March last, after providing for depreciation and heavy charges for deferred repairs, it is only £70,108, and this includes a sum due from the Government in the shape of excess profits duty returned, owing to the standard not having been reached. With £57,313 brought forward, the amount available is £127,421, as against £122,538 last year. The directors recommend a dividend of 5 per cent—the same as for 1919-20—and propose to carry forward £32,227. For each of four years down to 1918 the dividend was 10 per cent, but in August, 1918, a share bonus of 100 per cent was given, and in March, 1920, another of equal amount, although only 50 per cent on the increased capital, followed. Only £19,160 of the debenture stock is now outstanding, and this will be redeemed at the end of the month.

AMERICAN PORTS.

VANCOUVER.

Aug. 18.-C.P.O.S.	Empress of Russia.
19.-C.P.O.S.	Monteagle.
20.-B.F.	Idion.
21.-B.F.	Taiyinhua.
22.-C.P.O.S.	Empress of Asia.
23.-C.P.O.S.	Empress of Japan.
24.-B.F.	Tyndaer.
25.-C.P.O.S.	Empress of Russia.
26.-C.P.O.S.	Monteagle.
27.-B.F.	Protestant.
28.-B.F.	Idion.

SEATTLE.

Aug. 13.-A.L.	Silver State.
14.-A.L.	Freestone State.
15.-A.L.	City of Spokane.
16.-B.F.	Fishimi Maru.
17.-O.S.K.	Africa Maru.
18.-W.L.	West Jester.
19.-S.D.	West Jester.
20.-S.D.	West Jester.
21.-A.L.	Freestone State.
22.-N.Y.K.	Katori Maru.
23.-A.L.	Wenatchee.
24.-N.Y.K.	Kashima Maru.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Aug. 9.-Q.M.	China.
10.-P.M.	Kenador.
11.-T.R.E.	Taiyo Maru.
12.-S.D.	West Jester.
13.-T.R.E.	Siberia Maru.
14.-S.D.	West Jester.
15.-T.R.E.	Taiyo Maru.
16.-S.D.	West Jester.
17.-T.R.E.	Katori Maru.
18.-M.	Korea Maru.
19.-T.R.E.	Shinyo Maru.
20.-T.R.E.	Patria Maru.

PORTLAND.

Aug. 7.-A.L.	Portland.
8.-A.L.	Aberdeen.

VALPARAISO.

Sept. 16.-N.Y.K.	Kanagawa Maru.
17.-N.Y.K.	Kanagawa Maru.
18.-N.Y.K.	Kanagawa Maru.
19.-N.Y.K.	Kanagawa Maru.
20.-N.Y.K.	Kanagawa Maru.
21.-N.Y.K.	Kanagawa Maru.
22.-N.Y.K.	Kanagawa Maru.
23.-N.Y.K.	Kanagawa Maru.
24.-N.Y.K.	Kanagawa Maru.
25.-N.Y.K.	Kanagawa Maru.

NEW YORK.

Aug. 15.-O.S.K.	Haruo Maru.
16.-D.L.	Esther Dollar.
17.-B.F.	Bellflower.
18.-N.Y.K.	Lyons Maru.
19.-B.F.	Celtic Prince.
20.-N.Y.K.	Takaka Maru.
21.-D.L.	Tuamotu Prince.
22.-D.L.	Beagle Dollar.
23.-B.F.	Halcyon.
24.-B.F.	Knight Templar.
25.-B.F.	City of Canton.
26.-B.F.	Ningchow.
27.-B.F.	Karypina.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

DURBAN AND CAPETOWN.

Aug. 25.-O.S.K.	Panama Maru.
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EUROPEAN PORTS.

BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE.

Aug. 25.-A.L.	China Sea.
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MARSEILLES.

Aug. 16.-M.M.	Portho.
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LONDON.

Aug. 11.-E.L.	Kassama.
12.-B.F.	Tenon.
13.-O.S.K.	Himalaya Maru.
14.-N.Y.K.	Kilest.
15.-B.F.	Taiyinhua.
16.-N.Y.K.	Mishima Maru.
17.-N.Y.K.	Tokio Maru.
18.-B.F.	Manda.
19.-B.F.	Calchas.
20.-B.F.	Kashmir.
21.-B.F.	Kashmir.
22.-B.F.	Kashmir.
23.-B.F.	Kashmir.
24.-B.F.	Kashmir.
25.-B.F.	Kashmir.
26.-B.F.	Kashmir.
27.-B.F.	Kashmir.
28.-B.F.	Kashmir.
29.-B.F.	Kashmir.
30.-B.F.	Kashmir.

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Three hours	1.50
Six hours	2.00
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Quarter hour	\$0.15
Half hour	0.30
One hour	0.40
Two hours	0.60
Three hours	0.70
Six hours	1.00
Day (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)	1.50

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Credit, 4 months sight	100/-
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On demand	100/-
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On demand	100/-
On Calcutta	100/-
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CHINESE SONG.

COOLIES' HOUSE BUILDING
CHANT.

Has anyone ever written down the tune that the coolies sing when driving in the foundations of a house? And what are the words thereof? asks the N. C. Daily News. We have all heard it dozens of times and nodoubt found it rather quaint and stimulating, though when one is so situated as to be compelled to listen to it all the day and half the night it becomes unendurable. Yet it is worth studying. There is evidently some determined rhythm, though what it is is difficult to analyse. What is the long recitative of "ha-bo-ha-ha" (or something like it) and then all of a sudden bursts out the wild chant. Sometimes all the voices are in unison and the chant rounds off and dies away evenly into the recitative again. At other times the singers appear to come in against each other in a sort of canon and the chant ends in a confused uproar like a wave bursting upon a rock, but quickly merges into the old "ha-bo." What is it that determines these variations? For, by long listening one would say that they are not ruled by chance. Any composer writing an opera about China really ought to include the building coolies' song.

From the Union Trading Co., Ltd., Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, we have received a copy of the annual report of the Motor Union Insurance Co., Ltd., for which they are local agents.

Having fallen from a tram car from which she had attempted to alight while it was in motion in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday afternoon, a young Chinese woman is now receiving treatment at the hospital.

MORE ROBBERIES.

ELECTRIC FAN STOLEN.

Mr. F. B. Frost, of the Eastern Exchange Telegraph Co., reports that some time between 5 a.m. on Thursday and 7 a.m. yesterday, while he was absent from his room at his office a Westinghouse electric fan, valued at \$50 was stolen.

During the night of August 4 and 5, the M.B.K. Mess on Macdonnell Road was entered through an open verandah window, and a gold wrist watch worth \$20, two pairs of shoes valued at \$10, and \$15 in money, were stolen from the room of Mr. Yamaguchi, a member of the M.B.K. staff.

Clothing worth \$147 was stolen from No. 103 Belcher Street, the residence of a Chinese accountant during the night of August 4 and 5. The verandah window was opened by cutting away a pane of glass.

In connection with the \$250,000 opium haul said by our Shanghai correspondent to have been the largest seizure yet made in the Northern port, it is interesting to recall that the record haul for Hongkong, made in August last year by the late Chief Revenue Officer Wildin from a Japanese owned motor schooner outside Lyceum, was valued at \$180,000.

Owing to the non-arrival of the best man with the ring at wedding at Millford, near Godalming Surrey, could not begin, and during an anxious delay a woman in the congregation offered to lend her wedding ring so that the service might proceed. The offer was accepted, as was also that of a young man who volunteered to act as best man, but when the service was about to begin the real best man arrived breathlessly with the real ring.

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